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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE :  
FERMENTATIVE PREPARATION :  
OF L-AMINO ACIDS USING :  
STRAINS OF THE :  
ENTEROBACTERIACEAE FAMILY :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE DISCLOSURE

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SIR:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, mailed October 16, 2003, please  
amend the specification to include the attached Abstract.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this response.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**The Abstract** on a separate page appears as the last page of this response.